GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748
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VACANCIES OF COUNSEL
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post of counsel(Economi

(c) in various Indian Embassies abroad at present, country-wise;

(b) the term of counsel (Economi

(c);

(c) the names of the countries where the post of counsel(Economi

(c) is lying vacant or the term of that officer has ended; and

(d) in the event of its being vacant, the reasons therefor, and if the term has ended, the reasons for not filling up the vacant post?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA]

(a) There are a total of 95 posts of commercial representatives in our Missions/Postsabroad in 60 countries. A country-wise list is at Annexure. In the remainder of the countries where we have our Mission/Posts, officers who may not be specifically designated as commercial representatives are duly fulfilling the role of commercial officers, in addition to their other responsibilities.

(b) Commercial Representatives in our Missions/Posts abroad are normally posted for aterm of three years, unless specified otherwise.

(c) & (d) The post of Minister(Economic) is currently laying vacant in the High Commission ofIndia, London. Steps have been initiated to fill the vacancy.

ANNEXURE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN POSTED IN MISSIONS/POSTS ABROAD

S.NO.	COUNTRY	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Ethiopia	1
2.	Ghana	1
3.	Senegal	1
4.	Tanzania	1
5.	Sudan	1
6.	Zambia	1
7	Nigeria	1
8.	USA	6
9.	Canada	4
10.	Bangladesh	3
11.	Myanmar	1
12.	Sri Lanka	1
13.	China	4

14. Japan 2
15. Belgium 4
16. Switzerland 3
17. Germany 5
18. United Kingdom 4
19. France 2
20. Italy 1
21. Sweden 1
22. Yugoslavia 1
23. Romania 1
24. Hungary 1
25. Russia 2
26. Czech Republic 1
27. Bulgaria 1
28. Poland 1
29. Oman 2
30. Saudi Arabia 3
31. Syria 2
32. Morocco 1
33. Tunisia 1
34. Libya 1
35. Nepal 2
36. Thailand 2
37. Philippines 1
38. Singapore 1
39. Australia 2
40. Kuwait 1
41. Indonesia 1
42. South Africa 1
43. Algeria 1
44. Kazakhstan 1
45. Turkey 1
46. Turkmenistan 1
47. Lebanon 1
48. Brazil 1
49. Egypt 1
50. Qatar 1
51. Vietnam 1
52. Pakistan 1
53. Ukraine 1
54. Mexico 1
55. Panama 1
56. Mauritius 1
57. South Korea 1
58. Uzbekistan 1
59. Israel 1
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